

# **The Headings of some of the Outlines from Lama Tsongkhapa's *Ocean of Reasoning—A Great Commentary on the Fundamental Wisdom***

## **Explaining the meaning of each chapter**

1. Demonstrating that dependent arising is empty of essential/inherent existence
2. Presentation of the fact that whether one remains in cyclic existence or withdraws from it depends on whether one understands that
3. How, once one understands dependent origination, the erroneous views are abandoned

### **1. Demonstrating that dependent arising is empty of essential/inherent existence**

- 1.a. The main point
- 1.b. The rebuttal of refutations

#### **1.a. The main point**

- 1.a.1. A brief presentation of the two types of selflessness
- 1.a.2. An extensive presentation of the two types of selflessness

#### **1.a.1. A brief presentation of the two selflessnesses**

- 1.a.1.a. The refutation of the essence of phenomena through the examination of the agency and action of cause and effect      **CHAPTER ONE**
- 1.a.1.b. The refutation of the essence of the person through the examination of the action and agent of going and coming

## **CHAPTER ONE**

### **1.a.1.a. The refutation of the essence of phenomena through the examination of the agency and action of cause and effect**

1. The explanation of the contents of the first chapter
2. Confirmation by citation from definitive sutras
3. Summary of the chapter and its name

#### **1. The explanation of the contents of the first chapter**

- 1.a. The refutation of the essence of the arising of results
- 2.b. The refutation of the essence of conditions in that which gives rise to things

#### **1.a.1 The refutation of the essence of the arising of effects**

- 1.a.1.a. The refutation of the four extremes with respect to arising (**VERSE 1**)

- 1.b.1.b. Rebutting the claim that he is contradicting the sutras in rejecting arising from another (**VERSES 2 & 3**)

### **1.b. Rebutting the claim that he is contradicting the sutras in rejecting arising from another**

- 1.b.1. Presenting the argument that this contradicts sutra (**VERSE 2**)
- 1.b.2. Rebutting the argument that this contradicts sutra (**VERSE 3**)

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### **2.b. The refutation of the essence of conditions in that which gives rise to things**

- 2.b.1. The common refutation of the essence of conditions
- 2.b.2. Refuting [the essence of] each [condition]
- 2.b.3. Presenting other ways to refute [the essence of conditions] in common

#### **2.b.1 The common refutation of the essence of conditions**

- 2.b.1.a. The refutation of the conception of [the essence of] conditions in terms of agency
- 2.b.1.b. The refutation of the conception of [the essence of] conditions in terms of action

#### **2.a.1. The refutation of the conception of [the essence of] conditions in terms of agency**

- 2.a.1.a. The refutation of the conception of [the essence of] conditions on the ground that they facilitate the action of arising (**VERSE 4**)
- 2.a.1.b. The refutation of the conception of [the essence of] conditions on the ground of the arising of their result (**VERSE 5**)